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PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set and achieved for production of crude oil in the country during the last three years;

(b) the demand and the supply of petroleum products in the country during the said period;

(c) whether there is any policy to improve the crude oil production in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the targets set by the public sector oil companies for production of crude oil during 2005-06 company-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : The targets set for oil production in the country and the actual production during the last three years are given below:

Oil Production {in million metric tonnes (MMT)}

Year	Target	Actual
2002-03	33.17	33.05
2003-04	33.50	33.37
2004-05	33.63	33.98

(b) : The demand and production of petroleum products in the country during the last three years have been as follows :

(MMT)

Year	Demand	Production
2002-03	104.126	108.674
2003-04	107.751	117.641
2004-05	111.710	122.749

(c) & (d) : Various measures to substantially accelerate exploratory activities for enhancing domestic oil and gas production are being taken. These include the following:-

(i) increasing exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP); Under NELP, 108 exploration blocks have been awarded to National Oil Companies, foreign companies and private/joint venture companies through International Competitive Bidding process. This includes 18 Exploration Blocks recently awarded in the fifth round of NELP;

(ii) improving the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes; in particular, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) have taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimated investment of Rs. 10,972 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields;

(iii) exploring new areas, especially deep waters and difficult frontier areas, as also the deeper layers of already producing fields; and

(iv) developing newly discovered fields speedily and stepping up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas;

(e) : The targets set by the two National Oil Companies, namely, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) for oil production during 2005-06 are 26.614 MMT and 3.3 MMT, respectively.